

CONCORDIA



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Stingers

Stingers win semis, advance to men's hockey conference finals

Strong goaltending and discipline helped the Concordia Stingers men's hockey team advance to this week's OUA Far East conference finals, a best-of-three series versus the No. 2-ranked Trois-Rivières Patriotes.

The second-place Stingers eliminated the third-place McGill Redmen in two straight games to wrap up the semifinal series and advance to the final. Concordia downed McGill 2-1 on Feb. 21 and then came out on top of a 3-2 overtime victory last Friday. Left wing Michel Tremblay scored the winner at 3:11 of overtime.

Francis Gourdeau, a second-year goaltender, emerged as key player in the intense series. In the first game, he gave up just one goal on 29 shots. In Game 2, he turned away 23 of 25 shots. His save percentage in the series was .944.

Late in the season Gourdeau also enjoyed success against Trois-Rivières. He was minding the net on Feb. 17 when the Stingers upset the undefeated Patriotes 4-1. He faced 36 shots from Trois-Rivières snipers.

Another component to Concordia's late season success is discipline. In the McGill series, the spirited Stingers took just eight penalties and gave up one power-play goal.

Concordia is the only CIAU team to beat the Patriotes this season. Trois-Rivières finished with an 21-1-2 record. The Stingers also tied the Patriotes 5-5 on Jan. 31.

The dates and times of the Concordia-UQTR series are as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 28 Concordia @ UQTR 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 2 UQTR vs. Concordia 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 5 Concordia @ UQTR 7 p.m.

The winner of the series advances to the Queen's Cup, which features the four OUA conference champions. The top three teams will earn berths in the national championship, which will be held March 21-25 in Kitchener, Ont.

5 wrestlers to compete at nationals

Under the direction of highly respected coach Victor Zilberman, five Concordia wrestlers will compete at the CIAU championships in Thunder Bay, Ont., this weekend.

Three of the athletes were medallists in 2000 and are returning to defend their accomplishments. One of the most dynamic and accomplished wrestlers on the Concordia team is Tamara Medwidsky. Last year, she defeated Alberta's Shannon Mathie to win the gold medal in the 65-kilo weight class. Her list of accomplishments outside of university wrestling is also impressive. In May 1998, she won the national championship in the 70-kilo class and went on to represent Canada at the world championships in Poland, where she finished seventh. Medwidsky, an MBA student from Toronto, was ranked second in her class in the last CIAU rankings.

Another medal hopeful is Martine Dugrenier. She defeated Memorial's Danielle Fitzgerald to win a bronze medal in the 57-kilo weight class last year. She has moved up to the 65-kilos class and is currently ranked fourth by the CIAU.

Both Medwidsky and Dugrenier, an Exercise Science major from Laval, Que., were gold medallists at the AUS championship Feb. 16.

On the men's side, Jason Chen is a strong medal contender. He won a bronze at the CIAUs in 1998 and was a silver medallist last year, losing out to Brock's Mike Francis. The Montreal native is ranked fifth in the 68-kilo weight class. Chen is working on a double major in History and Applied Human Sciences.

Rounding out the Concordia team are Chris Chung, a masters student from Markham, Ont., and Mark Roache, a rookie wrestler from LaSalle, Que. Chung is ranked eighth in the 82-kilo class and Roache is ranked ninth at 90 kilos.

Chen, Chung and Roache were all silver medallists at the AUS championships.

Since 1980, Concordia has won 70 medals and six team titles at the CIAU wrestling championships. In addition five Concordia athletes have been named the outstanding wrestler at the CIAUs, and Victor Zilberman has been named CIAU Coach of the Year on two occasions – in 1984 and in 1986.

Concordia gears up for basketball semifinals

With more than 20 regular season games behind them, the Concordia Stingers basketball teams now turn their attention to the post-season.

Playoffs begin this Wednesday at 7 p.m. with the second-place women's team (9-11) playing host to the third-place Bishop's Gaiters (8-12) in the QSSF semifinal game. The teams have met twice this year. The Gaiters defeated the Stingers 66-64 on Nov. 10. Concordia won the rematch 50-46 on Jan. 27.

The teams played in the QSSF semifinal last March as well, with the Gaiters winning 70-69 on a shot at the buzzer.

The winner of the semifinal will advance to the conference championship versus the Laval Rouge et Or in Ste. Foy, Que., on Saturday at 4 p.m.

The Concordia men's team (12-10) finished second in the conference and will host the third-place Laval Rouge et Or (12-10) in the semifinal this Thursday at 7 p.m. The Stingers won both regular season matchups with Laval – 70-58 and 68-65.

The best-of-three conference championship begins Sunday, March 4 at McGill versus the first-place Redmen (13-9). Game time is 2 p.m.

Stingers finish 4th at women's hockey nationals

The QSSF champion Concordia Stingers finished fourth at the CIAU Women's Ice Hockey Championship on Sunday in Calgary.

The Stingers lost 1-0 in a shootout to the McGill Martlets in the bronze medal game Sunday afternoon. There was a scoreless tie after 60 minutes of hockey. After 10 minutes of overtime the teams were still deadlocked. Each coach sent five players out to the ice for a shootout. Only one player – the Martlets' Dana Rittmaster – scored in the shootout, giving McGill the win.

Last Friday, Concordia won its first game of the championship 9-0 over St. Francis Xavier. Left wing Caroline Ouellette collected two goals and three assists, while centre Marie-Claude Allard chipped in with two goals and one assist.

The second game of the tournament saw Concordia lose 3-2 to the No. 2-ranked Regina Cougars. Ouellette scored a goal and an assist in the contest.

Ouellette, a rookie, was named to the championship all-star team.

Concordia Athletes of the Week

Caroline Ouellette of the women's hockey team and **Francis Gourdeau** of the men's hockey team have been named Concordia Stinger athletes of the week for the period ending Feb. 25.

Ouellette who is studying sociology, was a bright spot at the women's ice hockey championships in Calgary last week. The left wing collected three goals and picked up four assists in three games and was named to the championship all-star team.

Gourdeau, a goaltender, was instrumental in helping Concordia defeat McGill in the OUA Far East semifinals last week. He gave up just three goals in two games. His save percentage was .944. The Montreal native is a second-year arts student.

Coming Events

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Women's Basketball
Men's Hockey

QSSF Semifinal - Bishop's @ Concordia 7 p.m.
OUA Far East Best-of-Three Finals
Game 1 Concordia @ UQTR 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 1

Men's Basketball

QSSF Semifinal - Laval @ Concordia 7 p.m.

Friday, March 2

Men's Hockey

OUA Far East Best-of-Three Finals
Game 2 UQTR @ Concordia 7:30 p.m.
@ CIAU Nationals in Thunder Bay, Ont.

Saturday, March 3

Women's Basketball

QSSF Championship
Winner of Semifinal @ Laval 4 p.m.
@ CIAU Nationals in Thunder Bay, Ont.

Sunday, March 4

Men's Basketball

QSSF Championship Best-of-Three Finals
Game 1 Winner of Semifinal @ McGill 2 p.m.
OUA Far East Best-of-Three Finals
Game 3 Concordia @ UQTR 7 p.m.

Men's Hockey

Men's Basketball (19-14 overall, 12-10 in QSSF)

Feb. 23	Laurentian Voyageurs 77 Real Kitieu Shawn Crichlow	Concordia Stingers 67 28 points, 21 rebounds, 4 blocks 16 points, 2 rebounds
Feb. 24	York Yeomen 92 Real Kitieu Wayne Alexander Shawn Crichlow	Concordia Stingers 76 18 points, 11 rebounds, 5 blocks 16 points, 9 rebounds 16 points, 1 rebound

Women's Basketball (13-17 overall, 9-11 in QSSF)

Feb. 23	Concordia Stingers 54 Rosie Douglas Jessica Manchester	Laurentian Voyageurs 51 14 points, 5 rebounds, 5 steals 12 points, 1 rebound, 4 steals
Feb. 24	York Yeowomen 73 Rosie Douglas Marie-Pier Veilleux Kristina Steinfort	Concordia Stingers 65 18 points, 3 rebounds 17 points, 4 rebounds 15 points, 12 rebounds

Women's Hockey (17-12-3 overall, 2-2 in playoffs, No. 4 in CIAU)

@ CIAU nationals in Calgary

Feb. 23	Concordia Stingers 9 Caroline Ouellette M.C. Allard Myriam Boudreau	St. FX X-Women 0 2 goals, 3 assists 2 goals, 1 assist Player of the Game
Feb. 24	Regina Cougars 3 Caroline Ouellette Catherine De Abreu Caroline Ouellette	Concordia Stingers 2 1 goal, 1 assist 1 goal Player of the Game

Bronze medal game

Feb. 25	McGill Martlets 1 Lisa Herritt	Concordia Stingers 0 SO 23 saves on 23 shots in 70 minutes of play
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* Caroline Ouellette named to championship all-star team

Men's Hockey (14-12-5 overall, 10-9-5 in OUA, 2-0 in playoffs)

OUA Far East Semifinals - Best-of-Three Series

Feb. 21	Concordia Stingers 2 Mathieu Fleury Patrice Roy	McGill Redmen 1 1 goal 1 goal
Feb. 23	Concordia Stingers 3 Patrick Pelchat Chris Page Michel Tremblay	McGill Redmen 2 OT 1 goal 1 goal 1 goal, winner in overtime

Track and Field

Feb. 23-24 @ Provincial Championships at Université Laval

Men's Results:	1000 metres	Marc Nisbit	2:40.42	7th out of 13
	600 metres	Warren DeSouza	2:46.90	11th out of 13
	300 metres	Warren DeSouza	1:30.47	13th out of 15
	60 metres	Tom Balen	38.57	12th out of 21
		Nicolas Salerno	39.50	19th out of 21
		Tom Balen	7.54	18th out of 29
		TJ Casimir	7.74	23rd out of 29
		Emile Gerges	8.17	27th out of 29
	High jump	Peter Alexandre	2.08	1st out of 8
				(qualifies for CIAUs)
	4x800 relay (Salerno, DeSouza, Nisbet, Fimo Mitchell)		8:20.67	2nd out of 3
	4x400 relay (Salerno, DeSouza, Nisbet, Mitchell)		3:36.15	3rd out of 4
	4x200 relay (Mitchell, Gerges, Casimir, Balen)		1:38.15	3rd out of 4

Team Standings:	Sherbrooke	162 points
	McGill	69 points
	Laval	47 points
	Concordia	28 points

Women's Results:	3000 metres	Kathleen Ogden	11:51.58	8th out of 11
	1500 metres	Laetitia Queroix	12:35.01	11th out of 11
	1000 metres	Jessie Brugger	5:23.48	9th out of 11
	600 metres	Laetitia Queroix	5:53.57	11th out of 11
	300 metres	Jessie Brugger	3:22.79	6th out of 10
	High Jump	Kathleen Ogden	1:55.74	7th out of 7
		Lucie Pierre-Louis	46.06	8th out of 12
		Lucie Pierre-Louis	1.60m	1st out of 6
				(qualifies for CIAUs)
	Long Jump	Lucie Pierre-Louis	4.92m	4th out of 13

Team Standings:	McGill	138 points
	Sherbrooke	105 points
	Laval	21 points
	Concordia	10 points

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